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In re Application of: : Confirmation No. 1295
Tran et al.

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For: MAGNETO-RESISTIVE DEVICE INCLUDING SOFT SYNTHETIC TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800
FERRIMAGNET REFERENCE LAYER

AMENDMENT

This amendment is submitted as part of a Request for Continuing Examination of the above-identified application. This amendment includes a section for amendment to the claims, and a section for remarks.

The application was finally rejected in an office action dated Dec. 14, 2002, and the final rejection was maintained in and an advisory action dated Feb. 11, 2003. A Notice of Appeal was filed on March 3, 2003 in response to the advisory action.

The Request and this amendment are submitted instead of an Appeal Brief. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.